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SUBJECT: SPANISH CONTACTS WITH ISRAEL

1. DURING THE MEETING PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ HAD WITH MEMBERS OF THE SENATE FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 29, SENATOR STONE OF FLORIDA ASKED SUAREZ ABOUT SPANISH INTENTIONS TO ESTABLISH DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. STONE RECALLED THAT, DURING THE KING'S VISIT, THE KING SAID THAT IT WAS EXPECTED RELATIONS WOULD BE ESTABLISHED AFTER SPAIN HAD ESTABLISHED RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION. STONE POINTED OUT THAT ALTHOUGH RELATIONS WITH THE SOVIET UNION HAD BEEN ESTABLISHED, NOTHING YET HAD HAPPENED ABOUT ISRAEL.

2. PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ GAVE A SOMEWHAT EVASIVE ANSWER INDICATING THAT HE HAD BEEN IN OFFICE ONLY NINE MONTHS AND THAT NOT EVERYTHING COULD BE DONE IN SUCH A SHORT TIME. HE ALSO REFERRED TO SPANISH RELATIONS WITH THE ARABS, AND GAVE THE GENERAL IMPRESSION THAT SPAIN HAD NO IMMEDIATE PLANS FOR ESTABLISHING RELATIONS WITH ISRAEL. HOWEVER, SUAREZ DID MAKE THE RATHER CRYPTIC REMARK THAT WITH RESPECT TO ISRAEL, THERE WERE CERTAIN THINGS
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BEING DONE QUOTE UNDER THE TABLE UNQUOTE, AND THAT THESE WERE QUOTE POSITIVE UNQUOTE. HE LET IT GO AT THAT AND SENATOR STONE PURSUED THE MATTER NO FURTHER.

3. SINCE RETURNING TO MADRID I HAVE LEARNED THAT, WHILE IN NEW YORK, PRIME MINISTER SUAREZ OR A

MEMBER OF HIS PARTY DID RECEIVE ISRAELI OFFICIALS.
I AM NOW ENDEAVORING TO OBTAIN FURTHER DETAILS.

4. IN VIEW OF THE SENSITIVITY OF INFORMATION AND
SOURCE OF PARA 3, NO MENTION OF THIS SHOULD BE
MADE TO SPANISH OFFICIALS. STABLER

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